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1. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NAM DUCK WOO PROVIDED AMBASSADOR SEPT 16, WITH SOME FURTHER BACKGROUND ON ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE. NAM SAID THAT HE HAD ESTABLISHED A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH FUKUDA IN WHOM HE HAD GREAT CONFIDENCE. WHILE JAPANESE DELEGATION WAS UNABLE FOR POLITICAL AND OTHER REASONS TO MAKE BLANKET COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT KOREA'S FOUR-FIVE YEAR ECONOMIC PLAN, FUKUDA TOOK POSITIVE ATTITUDE ON PROJECT-BY-PROJECT ASSISTANCE. MORE SPECIFICALLY, IN ADDITION TO PROMISES OF SUPPORT FOR POHANG STEEL MILL EXPANSION, FUKUDA TOLD NAM THAT HE WOULD ARRANGE FINANCING FOR YOSU PETROCHEMICAL PLANT SOME WAY OR ANOTHER, DESPITE PAST RECENT NEGATIVE INDICATIONS FROM JAPANESE. FUKUDA COULD NOT MAKE MORE
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SPECIFIC COMMITMENT UNTIL HE FURTHER EXPLORED PROBLEM

IN TOKYO.

3. NAM WAS MUCH SATISFIED BY FUKUDA'S PERSONAL PLEDGE
ON YOSU, BUT HE WELL AWARE OF INTERNAL PROBLEMS FACED
IN JAPAN, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT FINANCE MINISTER
OHIRA.
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